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In re Application of:)
Katsumi SHIBAYAMA et al.) Confirmation No.: 8343
Application No.: 10/550,682) Group Art Unit: 2812
Filed: July 31, 2006) Examiner: Reema Patel
For: PHOTODIODE ARRAY AND)
PRODUCTION METHOD)
THEREOF, AND)
RADIATION DETECTOR)

Commissioner for Patents
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Customer Window, Mail Stop Issue Fee
Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(d), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO Form 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement (“IDS”) is being filed after the events recited in § 1.97(c) but before the payment of the issue fee for the above-identified application. Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d), a fee of \$180.00, as specified by § 1.17(p) is attached hereto.

The documents listed on the attached PTO Form 1449 were first cited in an Office Action issued by the Taiwan Patent Office on September 24, 2009 in a counterpart Taiwan patent application. Hence, to the best of the undersigned’s knowledge and recollection, each item of information contained in this IDS was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent

office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this IDS. A copy of the Taiwan Office Action dated September 24, 2009 is enclosed for the Examiner's consideration.

Except as discussed below, the cited documents are listed on the attached PTO Form 1449 and a copy of the cited non-U.S. patent document is also attached hereto.

While the Taiwan Office Action dated September 24, 2009 additionally cites to U.S. Patent Application Laid-Open No. 2003/0034496, U.S. Patent Application Laid-Open No. 2001/0045577 and U.S. Patent Application Laid-Open No. 2003/0001101, these documents are not listed on the attached PTO Form 1449 because they were previously cited in an Office Action in this application dated June 1, 2007 or January 15, 2009.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached PTO Form 1449.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that any of the listed documents are material or constitute "Prior Art". If it should be determined that any of the listed documents do not constitute "Prior Art" under the United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over any of the listed documents, should any of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

EXCEPT for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0573. This paragraph is intended to be a **CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

Respectfully submitted,

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